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AUSTRALIA: Indian Ocean Rim Forecasting

Many of the member countries of the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation will attend a week-long workshop to further cooperation and understanding of ocean forecasting capabilities and needs in the Indian Ocean. Australia's ocean forecasting system, BLUElink that is used to predict sub-surface ocean conditions for environmental and industrial applications, will be a guide for the meeting.

<http://www.csiro.au/en/Portals/Media/Marine-forecasting-on-the-horizon-for-Indian-Ocean-Rim.aspx>

JAPAN: Kyoto University Joins edX Consortium

Kyoto University will become the first Japanese institution of higher education to offer a course on the rapidly expanding edX, the international consortium that offers free courses online by some of the world's top professors and universities. Joining edX along with Kyoto University will be Tsinghua University and Peking University in China, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the University of Queensland in Australia, and Seoul National University in South Korea.

<https://www.edx.org/>

JAPAN: Indirect Costs

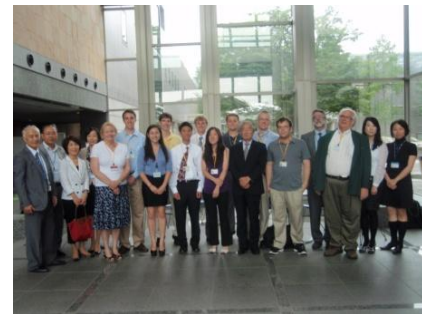
An academic body named "RU11" that comprises 11 research universities in Japan requested that the government increase the indirect cost rate to 30% from the current average 14.2% at the 11 universities. As indirect cost rates in the US are much higher than those in Japan, the RU11 would like the indirect cost rate to be closer to that charged by US universities.

Translated from: <http://www.ru11.jp/>

JAPAN: Summer Students in Nanotechnology

Ten US undergraduate students recently arrived at the National Institute of Materials Science (NIMS) in order to conduct research at NIMS for 10 weeks. The students are supported by the National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NNIN) program. In a reciprocal arrangement, nine Japanese graduate students will each have a research visit to an NNIN-member university. Both cohorts will meet to discuss what they will have learned in August and will be joined by six US students who are conducting research in France and Germany. This is the 5th year of the exchange.

<http://www.nnin.org/reu/nnin-reu-ireu-current-year-participants>



NEW ZEALAND: Antarctic Environments Portal

To make science about Antarctica more accessible, Landcare Research and Antarctica New Zealand have signed a collaboration agreement to develop an innovative web portal, bridging the gap between Antarctic science and policy.

<http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/about/news/video/antarctic-environments-portal>